

The McCook Tribune.

FOURTEENTH YEAR.

McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 1895.

NUMBER 3.

FOUR MEN KILLED

In a Washout Near Oxford on Sunday Night.

AN UNPRECEDENTED DISASTER

Roadmaster B. V. Haley, Engineer F. W. Jeffries, Fireman C. C. M. Rowell and Brakeman S. B. Mundy the Victims.

A COMMUNITY MOURNS THE TRAGEDY.

On last Sunday evening at 8:44 o'clock, just a few hundred feet beyond the Turkey creek bridge, and almost midway between Oxford and Edison stations, took place the most appalling, heart-rending and fatal accident in the history of railroading on the Western division of the great Burlington Route, and in a twinkling of an eye, without a moments warning four lives were hurled into eternity, and one was saved as by a miracle, though severely injured.

The rains of Saturday night and the bursting of the dam at Curtis lake early on Sunday morning caused grave uneasiness at headquarters and shortly before noon a train and crew were dispatched to Cambridge to watch the company bridge at that point which, it was feared, might be taken out or destroyed by the flood of water known to be coming down the Medicine valley. Later, hearing of trouble existing between Oxford and Edison, the train continued on east. Arriving at the Turkey creek bridge between the above mentioned points, that structure was carefully examined and found to be safe. It is supposed that the train then started to inspect a big fill further east. At any event, the train had scarcely gotten under way before the engine plunged into a washout, one car and the front end of the second car following the engine into the hole, which was 20 or 30 feet wide and about 10 feet deep, the flood of water having washed away the earth embankment of the road-bed, leaving the cross-ties and rails apparently intact.

Roadmaster B. V. Haley, Chief Clerk Frank Harris, Bridge Boss N. N. Van-Sickle, besides Engineer Frank W. Jeffries, Fireman C. C. M. Rowell and Brakeman Samuel B. Mundy were on the engine when she made the fatal leap into the darkness. Of these six men, Fireman Rowell and Brakeman Mundy were instantly killed; Engineer Jeffries expired shortly after being released and thought to be all right; Roadmaster Haley died in about two hours after being removed from the wreck, though he never regained consciousness; and Chief Clerk Harris was severely burned on the right leg and a small bone in the back of the right hand was broken, besides being painfully bruised and terribly shocked. N. N. Van-Sickle of the bridge gang, who was on the steps of the engine, jumped and escaped injury entirely. Conductor A. E. Owen, Brakeman Mose Carmony, Trainmaster J. F. Kenyon, Chief W. S. Perry of the bridge gang, and a number of laborers were on the train. These at once set to the work of releasing the dead and wounded, a man being sent to Oxford to telegraph the sad news to McCook. A wrecking train in charge of Supt. Campbell, with Master Mechanic Archibald, Surgeon Gunn, and other officers and men, hurried to the wreck, leaving here about 10:30. The dead and injured were at once removed from the wreckage, and the bodies of the four men were immediately brought to McCook, reaching here at about 4:30 on Monday morning. The work of clearing away the wreckage for the resumption of traffic was not completed until some time in the afternoon.

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Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the services over the remains of Roadmaster Haley were conducted in St. Patrick's Catholic church by Rev. Fr. Hickey assisted by Rev. Fr. Loughran of Minden. Brief services of the church were also held at the grave. The remains were then taken in charge by the A. O. U. W. lodges of McCook and Holdrege, who with an immense concourse of people from Indianola, Holdrege, Holbrook and elsewhere together with many friends and admirers in this city, escorted the body to its last resting place in the parish cemetery. There was a profusion of lovely floral offerings, attesting in that charming manner the affectionate sympathy of a host of admiring friends.

BERNARD VINCENT HALEY was born of Bryan and Bridget Haley, in Moundville, Wisconsin, on March 27, 1857. Came to Nebraska on July 12, 1882, and entered the employ of the Burlington railroad company, in which service he remained until his death, June 2, 1895. He is survived by his wife and three small children, his aged mother, Mrs. Bridget Haley of Holbrook, one sister, Miss Anna Haley of Holbrook, four brothers, Thomas of Sheridan, Wyoming, Anthony of Orleans, Michael and John of Holbrook.

At two o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday from the late residence of the deceased, all that was mortal of Fireman Rowell was carried out to the peace and quiet of Longview. Divine services were conducted at the house by Rev. Forman assisted by Rev. Preston, after which the remains were taken in charge by the McCook and Holdrege lodges of Workmen and Council No. 100, A. P. A. of this city, who escorted the body to the cemetery, followed by the largest procession ever seen in McCook at a similar occasion. The floral offerings were of uncommon beauty and profusion.

CHARLES C. M. ROWELL was born in Decatur county, Iowa, on June 27, 1859. He removed to Ringold county of the same state when about 16 years of age, and there grew up to man's estate. He was married to Imogene Bennett, April 14, 1883, and came to McCook in 1890, entering the service of the railroad company, continuing in the service until his death June 2, 1895. A wife and one young daughter survive him. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rowell of our city, one sister, Mrs. U. J. Warren of this place, three brothers, John of Hastings, Thomas and Elmer of our city.

Thus closed the saddest day in our history. May its like never again be experienced, is the prayer of all.

AFTERMATH.

All the victims were more or less insured: Roadmaster Haley carried in all about \$8,000 of life and accident insurance. Besides he leaves other property, which will leave his dear ones well provided for in a temporal sense. Fireman Rowell carried \$2,500 worth of insurance. Engineer Jeffries family will have nothing but the Burlington Relief money, \$1,250, which leaves the helpless mother and five little ones poorly prepared for the battle of life before them. Brakeman Mundy carried \$750 in the Burlington Relief.

The remains of Brakeman Samuel B. Mundy were accompanied from the Pade undertaking establishment, Monday evening, to the office of Mayor Kelley, by delegates from the I. O. R. M. and the A. P. A. lodges, and committees from both of these lodges sat up with the remains during the night, and escorted them to the train, Tuesday morning, for shipment to Oswego, near Aurora, Ill., where interment will take place. Conductor T. M. Mundy accompanied the remains of his brother to Illinois.

There were 25 members of Phelps County Lodge No. 27, A. O. U. W., up from Holdrege in attendance upon the funerals of their deceased fellow Workmen, B. V. Haley and C. C. M. Rowell. Past Master Peter Smith, a close personal friend and admirer of the late roadmaster, was at the head of the lodge.

McCook never experienced a sadder week in her history, than this one. Nor yet a happier one. But the cup of pleasure and prospect has had a powerful admixture of profoundest sorrow and gloom. It will go down in McCook's history as a red-letter day in at least a double sense.

As customary the company's engines and way cars are draped in mourning for the brave and unfortunate comrades whose lives went out in the line and performance of duty, Sunday night, in the Turkey creek disaster.

The Brigade band added an element of solemnity to all three funerals, turning out in full uniform, and heading the processions to the cemeteries.

The procession to the cemetery in the funeral of Charlie Rowell was doubtless the largest ever seen in our city.

Fireman Rowell's watch stopped at 8:44, indicating perhaps the exact time of the accident.

Frank Harris is getting along nicely, we learn as we are about to go to press.

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions on the deaths of Brothers B. V. Haley and Charles C. M. Rowell: RESOLVED, That the members of McCook Lodge, No. 61, A. O. U. W., mourn the untimely deaths of our esteemed brothers, B. V. Haley and Charles C. M. Rowell, taken from their families and friends on the night of June 2, 1895.

THAT, Their deaths coming and met in the line of duty was characteristic of their lives as Workmen, kind and indulgent husbands and fathers, loyal friends with the love of all who knew them.

THAT, While taking their remains to their last resting place, and while tendering the parting Workmen's rites, we earnestly hope the Grand Master above has taken them to Himself.

Lord, grant them heaven, where all is rest, Where angels whisper peace; Where every wound will find a balm, And every sorrow cease.

THAT, In token of our sorrow the Workmen lodge room be draped in mourning for a term of thirty days.

THAT, the heartfelt sympathy and regard of our entire membership be extended to the families and relatives of the deceased; and that a copy of these resolutions be carried to the bereaved widows of our lamented brothers.

A. P. WELLES,
J. E. KELLEY,
J. A. CORDEAL,
Committee on Resolutions.

Wigwam of Walla Walla Tribe, No. 20, Improved Order of Red Men.

McCook, Neb., June 3, 1895.

WHEREAS, The Chief Sachem of the Universe has seen fit to call the soul of our Brother Samuel B. Mundy to his loving embrace in the happy hunting grounds,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Walla Walla Tribe No. 20, of McCook, Nebraska, make a fitting tribute to the memory of our departed brother by passing a vote of condolence to the mourning relatives of the lamented deceased. Your loss is greater than ours. We will miss his brotherly love, his pleasant companionship for a few short years, while you will cherish the memory of him from childhood's innocent days through his youth and in the noble state of manhood. Let each of us resignedly say to Almighty God, "Thy will be done".

Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
Is not spoken of the soul.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the relatives of the deceased, to the newspapers of McCook for publication, and that a memorial page be set aside in our minute book in remembrance of our brother. Our chart will be draped in crape for thirty days.

B. L. MCCARL, Sachem.
C. H. MCCARL, Keeper of Records.

McCook Council, No. 100, American Protective Association

McCook, Neb., June 3, 1895.

TO MR. T. M. MUNDY AND NEAR RELATIVES:

It being the will of a Divine Providence to take from our midst our Friend Samuel B. Mundy, a member of the American Protective Association,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this council do pass a vote of condolence to the bereaved family of our departed friend. Sorrowfully we record our appreciation of his sterling qualities, his noble, manly sentiments of American liberties and patriotism. By his quiet, unassuming manner he endeared himself to the hearts of all his companions and friends. We regret his untimely death, but willingly consign his spirit to the God who gave it.

It is a beautiful belief,
That ever 'round our heads
Are hovering, on angel wings,
The spirits of the dead.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be handed to the relatives of deceased friend; to the city newspapers for publication; to be spread on the minutes, and that our charter be draped for thirty days.

J. E. KELLEY, President.

A. N. ALLEN, Recording Secretary.

Hall of McCook Lodge, No. 137, I. O. O. F., McCook, Neb., June 3d, 1895.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to take from us and his family our beloved brother, Frank W. Jeffries, on Sunday, June 2d, 1895, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereft family our sincere and heartfelt sympathies in this their sad hour of affliction, and hope they may bear bravely the loss which sooner or later must visit every household. Be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved widow and to his mother, a copy to the city papers, and that a copy be spread upon the records of the lodge.

C. W. BARNES,
A. G. FORMAN,
J. A. RITCHIE,
Committee.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

MAYOR KELLEY is in Denver.

MISS ANNA WIBLEY went up to Culbertson, Monday.

W. J. COOPER of Lincoln was here on business, Wednesday.

GEORGE LEHEW is up from Hastings on a visit of a few weeks.

E. E. LOWMAN and bride arrived home on Wednesday night's flyer.

F. M. RITCHIE of Plattsmouth was a city visitor, first of the week.

OSCAR CALLIHAN, the Benkelman banker, was a city visitor, Sunday.

F. C. KROTTER and J. N. Koontz of Palisade were city visitors, Sunday.

JOHN STEVENS, court reporter, was up from Arapahoe, early part of the week.

R. B. HOWELL, state engineer, was in the city, Wednesday, on irrigation business.

R. O. PHILLIPS was in the city, Wednesday, on water works and ditch business.

MESDAMES PETER SMITH and Hillsback of Holdrege attended the funerals, Wednesday.

JAMES HARRIS arrived home, last week, from a successful aid seeking tour of Missouri.

J. A. CLINE, the Minden bank examiner, was a brief sojourner in the city, Monday evening.

S. W. PINKERTON came up from Lincoln, Saturday night, and is visiting his folks up in Box Elder precinct.

F. I. FOSS of Crete was in the city, Monday, on business connected with his irrigation interests up in this section of state.

JOHN ROWELL, wife and two boys came up from Hastings, Monday night, to attend the funeral of C. C. M. Rowell, his brother.

MISS CLARA KLEVEN of Culbertson was the guest of Miss Mary Walters over Sunday, returning home on Monday morning.

EDITOR HASKINS of the Benkelman News and Druggist Brandner of that burg had business in this city, Wednesday night.

C. S. MILLER of Fairmont, who is interested in the Bank of Lebanon, is in the city guest of his brother-in-law, J. W. Hupp.

MESDAMES KNOX and Den and Miss Edwards of Arapahoe were present at the dedication of the Episcopal chapel on last Sunday.

MRS. A. L. EMERSON of St. Francis has been the guest of Mrs. A. C. Ebert, this week. She will leave for Colorado Springs, tonight.

J. E. KELLEY has been selected as one of the Nebraska delegates to the national Republican league meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, June 19, 20, 21.

P. WALSH and J. H. Bennett arrived home, Thursday morning, from their extended tour through the northwest and Pacific coast country.

G. L. LAWS and family have returned from Oklahoma territory to Lincoln to live, a fact their many Nebraska friends will learn with pleasure.

H. W. COLE left, last night, for Chicago, to attend the meeting of the supreme lodge, A. O. U. W. He is a member of one of the principal committees.

MR. AND MRS. PHINEAS BENNETT of Tingley, Iowa, parents of Mrs. C. C. M. Rowell, arrived in the city, Tuesday night, to attend the funeral of their late and deeply lamented son-in-law and to console and sympathize with their inexpressibly bereaved daughter.

LEWIS FARLIN, one of our best citizens and farmers, left the South Side, this week, for Villisca, Iowa, in which vicinity he will live for the present. Mr. Farlin is of the kind of material THE TRIBUNE always deeply regrets seeing leave Red Willow county. As he still retains his property on the South Side we hope to see Mr. Farlin and family back in Red Willow county enjoying more prosperous times.

AT COST!

Owing to dull trade and the poor outlook I will sell the balance of my Spring and Summer Millinery Goods at Cost.

I still have a very good assortment and am determined to close out all trimmed goods, regardless of cost, before the close of the season.

MRS. A. BARNETT.

George Beck has 10,000 cabbage plants and 10,000 tomato plants for sale at 25 cents a hundred. These are choice plants. Residence one block north and one block east of the Catholic church.

THE CHURCHES.

[Under this head we invite the ministry of the city to contribute freely of any and all church news of interest to their various organizations.]

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

At the Congregational church at eleven o'clock, Sunday morning:

Song..... School
Invocation..... Pastor
Anthem..... Choir
Scripture..... Norma Noble
Recitation..... Roy Clute
Recitation..... Eva Lewis
Song..... School
Recitation..... Alice Harris
Reading..... Ella Snyder
Song..... Primary Department
Recitation..... Earl Maddux
Recitation..... Mabel Perry
Song..... School
Recitation..... Louis Johnson
Recitation..... Carl Noble
Anthem..... Choir
Reading..... Mrs. H. H. Easterday
Recitation..... Vera Dwyer
Announcements.....
Collection.....
Rainbow Exercise.....
Song..... School
Benediction..... Pastor

A most cordial invitation extended to all.

METHODIST—Sunday school at ten o'clock. No preaching service in the morning. Children's day exercises in the evening. Rev. Forman will occupy the pulpit at Orleans, Nebraska, both morning and evening, and will give a lecture, Monday night, before the Chautauqua. Subject: "Confucius and the Chinese Classics."

CONGREGATIONAL—Children's day exercises will occupy the time of the usual morning service at 11 o'clock. Endeavor society meets at 7 o'clock, Mr. J. F. Ganschow, leader. Baccalaureate sermon to the high school class of '95 at 8 o'clock, to which all patrons of the school and friends of the class are specially invited.

The Dorcas society of the Congregational church will hold a social in the church on next Tuesday evening, and you are all cordially invited. Ice cream and cake will be served.

BAPTIST—Services in McConnell hall, Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited. Sunday school will re-open on Sunday morning, June 16th.

A Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown of West McCook use this means of expressing the gratitude of their hearts to the kind friends and neighbors who so nobly assisted them in the sickness of their departed dear one.

Mrs. Frank W. Jeffries desires us to express for her the deep gratitude of her heart for the many kindnesses and the prompt and hearty assistance rendered her in her late bereavement by the thoughtful and true hearted people of McCook. She feels more truly thankful than mere words can adequately express for all the kindnesses, sympathy and assistance so freely extended.

To the Holdrege and McCook lodges, A. O. U. W., Council No. 100, A. P. A., the Brigade band, and all the considerate friends and neighbors whose tender sympathy and willing hands have done so much to lighten the burden of our sorrow and bereavement, we wish to express our profoundest gratitude.

MRS. IMOGENE ROWELL.
MR. & MRS. C. B. ROWELL & FAMILY.

To the Phelps County Lodge No. 27, and McCook Lodge No. 61, A. O. U. W., to the friends from Holdrege, and to all the many kind friends whose assistance and sympathy have been so helpful in the bereavement which came so suddenly upon us, I desire to express my sincerest gratitude and deepest thankfulness. Every deed of kindness done and every word of sympathy spoken, every act performed and arrangement perfected and carried into cheerful, willing and prompt execution, all are gratefully remembered.

MRS. SARAH HALEY.

The Wheel Race.

There was a big crowd to witness the wheel race at the fair grounds race track, last evening. The participants were: W. B. Mills, Ray McCarl, Stephen Bolles, Jr., E. J. Wilcox, F. A. Pennell, George Leach, who were scratch men, and Knud Stangeland—3-minute start, J. H. Fowler—2-minute start.

The race was a 15-mile handicap, for a handsome medal. Stephen Bolles Jr. won first time, second place and the medal. Knud Stangeland won first place. Ray McCarl was given second time. Time 48:52 minutes.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of McCook lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night: W. M. Anderson, W. M.; J. E. Kelley, S. W.; C. B. Gray, J. W.; J. W. Hupp, Treasurer; E. E. Lowman, Secretary.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Memorial Services.

The postponed Memorial day exercises were carried out in A. O. U. W. hall, last Sunday afternoon, despite the rain which fell heavily and continuously during the afternoon. And, considering the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was good. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion with bunting, flags, etc. Mayor J. E. Kelley presided over the exercises of the occasion.

H. H. Berry delivered the address of the day, which was supplemented by some patriotic remarks by H. H. Benson. The efforts of both speakers received close attention and were appreciated.

The music of the day was furnished by the choir and orchestra of the public schools and the members of the Philharmonic club. This feature of the program delighted everybody, the school choir and orchestra especially coming in for their full mead of praise.

The decoration of the graves of the old soldiers buried in Longview cemetery of this city was performed on Monday afternoon by a detail from J. K. Barnes post, G. A. R. There was a profusion of flowers, notwithstanding the postponements. Those sent from Mississippi, by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hamilton, formerly of our city, were especially fragrant and beautiful.

The names of veterans whose graves were decorated, to whose memory this tender and loving tribute was loyally paid, are:

C. L. Nettleton, Chester Ward,
Charles E. Fox, D. L. Clement,
Elias H. Conrad, Thomas B. Walker,
Smith Gordon, R. S. Cooley,
J. D. Gerver, J. B. McCabe.

A FEW MORE

Hats left at reduced prices, also some Fine Suits at low prices; buy now.

Ladies—look at our Tan Slippers, good value at \$2.00 per pair.

We can furnish you a good Shirt for 25 cents.

We still sell Dinner Pail Lard—10 lbs. lard and dinner pail for \$1.25.

Swift's Boneless Ham and Breakfast Bacon, very fine, try them.

Cotosuet in 3, 5 and 10 lb. pails—superior to lard, give it a trial.

Flour is advancing; buy now if you wish to save money: White Bread 90 cents a sack during May.

McCOOK MERCANTILE CO.

After a Long Illness.

After a long illness of about four months, Mrs. Jacob Unger of West McCook, passed to her long home about four o'clock on the afternoon of Monday. Dropsy was the cause of her death. She was 36 years of age and leaves a husband and five small children to mourn her death, an infant of four months being left motherless. Services were conducted at the house, Wednesday morning, by Rev. Hattel of Culbertson. Burial in the city cemetery at 12 o'clock.

Shall We Celebrate?

It might be well for the business men of McCook to give the matter of having a Fourth of July celebration, this year, some thought and attention. The prospects are such that a celebration can be carried out successfully on a conservative plan, and an enjoyable time had at a small expense. McCook has not held a celebration of this kind for a number of years, and there are indications that this will be a good year to indulge.

Call and Get the Waist.

If the party who stole that skirt from the back door of Lowman's dressmaking department, the other day, will call and apply for the same, they can secure the waist which goes with the skirt. Don't be backward.

Attention, Oil Consumers!

On account of the oil companies making me pay cash for oil, all accounts with me must be settled every thirty days, otherwise no credit will be given.

H. THOMPSON.

Wanted, to Rent.

A good house, for one or two years, at right price. Write or call on

A. S. CAMPBELL,
Register U. S. Land Office.

E. E. Magee of Lincoln and Mrs. Joe Robinson of McCook attended the commencement and Decoration day exercises in this city. They rode a tandem wheel up from Lincoln, putting in about two hours on the road.—Valparaiso Visitor.

The Meeker ditch suffered a few breaks from the rains of last week, in common with the irrigation ditches all over this section of Nebraska.

Fifteen (15) cents will buy a box of nice writing paper at this office, containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.